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Dr. William C. Buss, health officer of Kern County for the past 21 years, resigned that position early last month owing to ill health. Dr. William H. Coe is acting health officer.

LOS ANGELES

Dr. Roger O. Egeberg, medical director of Los Angeles County General Hospital, has been appointed county director of mental health services by the board of supervisors. In this capacity he will coordinate plans for the county's participation in mental health clinics for care of mental patients in their own community under the provisions of the Short-Doyle Act.

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Grants totalling \$64,189 to aid studies by six Los Angeles researchers into various aspects of cancer were announced recently by the California Division of the American Cancer Society. The grants and the projects were as follows:

To Dr. Irving Gordon of the University of Southern California School of Medicine, \$20,635 for investigation of the possible role of virus infection in pulmonary cancer.

To Dr. Hans L. Falk, USC School of Medicine, \$20,143 to continue a study of carcinogenic effect of certain chemicals found in polluted air.

To Drs. William Hartman and William G. Clark of the University of California School of Medicine at Los Angeles and the Veterans Administration, \$13,891 for extension of a \$46,000 five-year study of chemical compounds produced in tumors.

To Dr. Max S. Dunn of the UCLA Department of Chemistry, \$8,484 for continuation of studies of effects of growth inhibitors on tumors.

To Dr. Ralph McKee of UCLA School of Medicine, \$1,036 to supplement a previously awarded grant of \$40,000 for a five-year investigation of the nature and action of large molecules in cancer cells.

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The University of Southern California School of Medicine will offer another **Postgraduate Refresher Course in Hawaii** and on board the S. S. Lurline from July 29 through August 15, 1959. Dr. Phil R. Manning, director of the school's postgraduate division, announced recently.

In addition to the lectures, the announcement said, there will be workshops in electrocardiogram and x-ray interpretation as well as problems of water and electrolyte balance and the differential diagnosis of jaundice. During most hours, several programs run simultaneously so that the participating physician may choose the topics most suited to his needs.

Further information about the course may be obtained by writing to the Director of the Postgraduate Division, USC School of Medicine, 2025 Zonal Avenue, Los Angeles 33.

A donation of \$800,000 for the construction in Santa Monica of a center for study and treatment of both mentally retarded and emotionally disturbed children has been made by the Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Foundation. The center is to have facilities for observation and treatment of some 900 patients a year. Dr. George M. Tarjan, superintendent of the Pacific State Hospital at Spadra, is collaborating on plans for the physical plant and its operation, it was announced.

The Kennedy Foundation was established by Joseph P. Kennedy, Sr., former United States ambassador to England, in memory of his son, who was killed during World War II.

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Receipt of a gift of \$93,000 from the Commonwealth Fund, New York, to be used for the furnishings of the basic sciences teaching building being built at its medical center by the University of Southern California was announced recently by Dr. Clayton G. Loosli, dean of the school.

SACRAMENTO

Dr. John G. Walsh of Sacramento was chosen president-elect of the American Academy of General Practice at the organization's convention in San Francisco in April. He will succeed to the presidency at the meeting next year. Last year Dr. Walsh, who is a member of the editorial board of CALIFORNIA MEDICINE, served as chairman of the American Academy's board of directors. He is a past president of the California Academy of General Practice.

SANTA BARBARA

Dr. James T. Case of Santa Barbara, who was for many years professor of radiology at Northwestern University School of Medicine, was presented with the Janeway Medal of the American Radium Society at the organization's 41st annual meeting, held at Hot Springs, Va., last month. Dr. Case delivered the annual Janeway Lecture. The medal, which honors late Dr. H. H. Janeway, pioneer radiation therapist, is presented annually to an outstanding physician or medical scientist.

GENERAL

Recent improvements in the diagnosis and in the treatment of patients with obstruction of the peripheral blood circulation will be highlighted at the annual **scientific sessions of the California Heart Association**, to be held at the Hotel Wilton, Long Beach, May 23. Dr. Henry Barcroft, professor of physiology, St. Thomas Hospital, London, will be a guest panelist at roundtable discussion of blood flow measurement.

The scientific program, scheduled from 9 o'clock in the morning to 4 in the afternoon, will include a review of recent research developments in the surgical treatment of strokes, treatment of pulmonary disorders, fluid balance, and factors influencing blood lipids.

The problem of heart disease and compensability under workman's compensation will be reviewed. Also on the program is a discussion on the relationship between trauma or strain and heart disease.